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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: POLYPEPTIDE-VACCINES FOR  
BROAD PROTECTION AGAINST  
HYPERVIRULENT MENINGOCOCCAL  
LINEAGES

Examiner: B. Gangle

Group Art Unit: 1645

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 28, 2007 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20070918), for which a response is due December 28, 2007. This response is filed with a Petition and fee for a three month's extension of time. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.